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SOUTH CAROLINA.

Closing Exercises at the State Institution for the Deaf.

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

A WONDERFUL WORK OF WHICH THE STATE SHOULD BE PROUD—APPROPRIATE WORDS OF APPROVAL FROM THE GOVERNOR.

(From the Spartanburg (S. C.) Herald.)

Commencement Day at the South Carolina Institution for the Education of the Deaf and the Blind were largely attended.

Cedar Springs is admirably situated for such an institution. The building is large and excellently furnished, having all the conveniences afforded schools in towns except electric lights, which are needed. A complete system of waterworks, by means of the hydraulic ram, steam heating apparatus and the architecture of the building is admirable.

The pleasing surroundings at Cedar Springs, the picture of so many sunny faces, happy, contented, loving even under sore afflictions, gave the whole place an exhilarating air, despite the heat of a mid-summer day.

When the spacious chapel was filled with the friends of the pupils and visitors, many being former pupils from all parts of the county, the programme was called:

The walls of the chapel were tastefully decorated with flowers and garlands of evergreens. On one side of the rostrum were the words: "All is God who sees with equal eyes." On the other: "The Class of 1891." The fruit discovers the tree." Governor Tillman, Mr. Mayfield and many distinguished guests from the country and city were seated on the rostrum. The exercises were very instructive, and the credit with which the pupils acquitted themselves forcibly indicates the earnest and consecrated labors of the faculty of the Institute. The programme was varied and interesting, commanding the attention and admiration of the audience. Several of the special features were pre-eminently excellent.

The Salutatory was to have been delivered by George Strong, of Charleston, but owing to ill health, he was not present. The address was read by Supt. Walker. It was an excellent paper. The valedictory address was well delivered by H. B. Mahon, of Laurens, who in a few well chosen words bade farewell to his comrades and Alma Mater. The essay of Miss Anna Bradley, of Sumter, on "Our School," deserves special mention. It was a short sketch of the foundation and work of the Institute, in fact, of schools for the deaf and dumb in America. The first established was at Hartford, Conn. Children from this State were sent there for instruction, but on account of the great expense very few were able to attend. In 1844 a small amount was appropriated by the State to send children to Hartford, and in the same year the present Institute was established on a small scale. The advance in instruction and appliances were traced to the present year.

Col. T. J. Moore, with a very happy and appropriate little speech presented diplomas to the following graduates: Mary E. Caston, Lancaster; Henry B. Mahon, Laurens; Annie L. Bradley, Sumter; Edward B. Craven, Marion; George Strong, Charleston.

PROGRAMME.

1. Anthem: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace."—Choir.
2. Prayer.
3. "Mocking Bird Fantasia."—Band.
4. Address of Welcome.—Geo. Strong.
5. "A Spring Song."—Pinsuti.—Choir.
6. Class Exercises.—Blind Pupils.
7. Piano Solo.—"Cascade de Rubies."—Sidney Smith.—Miss Fair.
8. Declaration.—(a) "How the money comes."—Master Luther Mangum.—(b) "How the money goes."—Master Cornelius Gregory.
9. Piano Duet.—"A Winter's Tale."—Lichter.—Misses Fairy and Cannon.
10. Essay.—"Duty."—Miss Caston.
11. Song.—"She Rose."—with Cornet Obligate.—Ganz.—Miss Anna McIntosh.
12. Class Exercises.—Deaf Pupils.
13. Trio for Female Voices.—"Awakening of the Birds."—Concone.—Class.
14. Class Exercises.—Deaf Pupils.—Articulation and Lip-Reading.
15. Organ.—"Con spirito."—Smart.—J. E. Swearingen.

16. Hymn in Signs.—"Just as I am."—Misses Bradley, Scruggs, Gallaudet, Bailey, Granger, Jordan and Glover.
17. "Forest Birds."—Mendelssohn.—Choir.
18. Vocal Duet.—"Wandering in the May Time."—Glover.—Misses Fairy and Jones.
19. Free Hand Drawing.
20. Song and Chorus.—"Peter Gray."—R. W. Estes.
21. Organ.—"Fugue in F."—Bach.—Master Jones Belne.
22. Essay.—"Our School."—Annie Bradley.
23. Piano Duet, for teacher and pupil.—Mason.—Prof. Stover and Master Searcy.
24. The Sign Language of the Deaf.—Miss Decker.
25. "Holiday March."—Two Pianos.—Kinkel.—Messrs. Mahon, Swearingin, Belne and Prof. Stover.
26. Presentation of Certificates and conferring Diplomas.
27. Trio for Violin, Piano and Cornet.—"Shower of Gold."—Lorenz.—Prof. Stover, Mr. Estes and J. E. Swearingen.
28. Valedictory Address.—H. B. Mahon.
29. "Milk Maid."—Coldcott.
30. "Grand Concert Mazurka."—Band, Organ, and two Pianos.
31. Benediction.

Col. Walker, the superintendent explained that there are two systems of teaching mutes to read. One, the French method, which is oldest is by the letters of the alphabet made by the motions of the lips, which is the newer German method. Both of these are taught at Cedar Springs, and by combining the two and by expressions and attitudes, the result is simply wonderful.

In the department of the blind, the most difficult problem is to teach the pupils to write. Specimens were exhibited showing that pupils who have never had the advantage of sight and consequently know nothing of size and shape, and must learn to make the letters by having the hands constantly go through the motion, can learn to write a legible hand. They have a system of writing by means of puncturing pasteboard, which can be read by the blind alone.

GOVERNOR TILLMAN'S TALK.

Governor B. R. Tillman was called on for a speech. He said it was characteristic of the American people whenever citizens congregate to expect one of them to speak to the others. Scared up like a rabbit in the woods, he was not prepared for a lengthy speech, and besides, he said, he never spoke unless he had something to say, and when he said it he stopped. The Governor was evidently much impressed by the exhibition of the pupils. Said he it would, indeed, be a heart of stone that could not be moved by such an exhibition. I have seen here, not only the blind made to see, the deaf to hear, but the creation of a soul! We are all mere animals but for the spark of divine intelligence in us. In watching the gradual unfolding of the intelligence of these children, and see how by training their minds are made and afflictions overcome, I thank God for the sainted man, who conceived the idea of this Institution, and we must congratulate ourselves that this godly man (turning to Col. Walker) is now the efficient superintendent. When I see the devotion of these children to Col. and Mrs. Walker, how they brighten up in their presence, and how they love the very place, and return on these annual occasions, I know we have the right man in the right place.

NOTES.

I met a distinguished professor of music, from Lexington, Ky., who spent the preceding night at Cedar Springs, with Gov. Tillman. He says he has never met a greater enthusiast on the subject of music than the Governor. I have forgotten the professor's name, but he is a noted man in musical circles, and he says the governor is not the only most ardent lover of music he has seen in a long while, but the music he makes is of a superior order, "basso profundo." In the impromptu concert, he joined in the chorus and captured horse, foot and dragoon.

Cedar Springs was a revelation to the governor, and the governor's five minute talk at Cedar Springs yesterday must have been a revelation to those present, who heard him on the stump. He evidently spoke his real feelings, and to see the nerve of this strong man give away, accustomed as he is to pouring forth invectives and bitter denunciations, melt in the presence of these patient loving children, proved that beneath the surface there beats a heart that is not made of stone.

On the 26th ult., Rev. Job Turner was ordained priest by Bishop Whittier, of Virginia, at the Virginia Theological Seminary near Alexandria, Va. On Sunday, the 28th, he conducted a service, alone, in Grace Church Baltimore.

CHARITY AND CLOUDS.

At the Lawn Party for the Gallaudet Home.

AFTER MANY POSTPONEMENTS, THE ANNUAL EVENT AT THE HOME OF THE MUTE TOOK PLACE ON SATURDAY—TABLES UNDER THE TREES AND VISITORS ON THE LAWNS—SCENES IN THE HOME—DR. GALLAUDET'S STATEMENT.

(Poughkeepsie News-Press, June 22.)

Threatening weather, entertainments elsewhere, and the inevitable result of many postponements, interfered with the success of the lawn party at the Gallaudet Home on Saturday. However, considering every drawback, the attendance was so large as to emphasize the deep concern of the friends of the institution in the work being done there.

The surroundings of the Gallaudet Home are naturally beautiful, and therefore independent of nature's frowns. And so it happened that on Saturday the heavy shadows only deepened the grandeur of the place. Great storm clouds overhung the mountains and enveloped the panorama that stretches for miles along the river, matchless in its beauty, and visible from the lawns and windows of the place on a sunny day. In ordinary scenes this would have a melancholy effect; but there were the clouds, the gloom, the approaching storm, and there was the Home with its comforts, its cheering influences and its kind friends in readiness to shield the afflicted inmates from every storm that human effort and Christian charity can avert.

The tables were arranged under the trees and sheltered by great limbs and entwining branches that kissed each other overhead. So thick is the foliage that no ordinary rain storm could have reached the tables, any more than the rays of the summer suns reach the weary ones who rest in the shade and enjoy the comfort provided for them.

At the various tables the visitor met many of those whose names are synonymous with charitable work in Poughkeepsie. The cake table furnished agreeable employment for Miss Josephine Doughty, Mrs. Curtis, Miss Halstead, Miss Barman and Miss Maud Osborne.

At the candy table were Mrs. Dr. Parker, Mrs. Rev. F. B. Wheeler and Miss Rose Jewett.

The lemonade table, perhaps less popular in clouds than in sunshine, was attended by the Misses Cornwell and Miss Helen Frost, who supplied the cheerfulness obscured by the clouds.

The fancy table was laden with pretty and useful articles, which were shown, explained and sold by Mrs. Satterlee, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Reese and Miss Banks.

Refreshments were served in the reception and dining rooms of the Home, where several tables were cared for by the Misses Fannie and Grace Roberts, Miss Leah Gladstone, Miss Bessie Taylor, Miss Hattie Williams, Miss Julia Sague, Miss Hinkley, Miss Anna Gardner, Miss Lizzie Nelson, Miss Brill and Miss Allen. Mrs. C. M. Nelson, of Poughkeepsie, was present and interested in every detail of the arrangements.

Dr. Gallaudet, the founder of the Home, was present and handed to a *News-Press* reporter the following statement, which was intended to be read on the lawn to the friends of the institution had the day been more cheerful. Hundreds would have heard it there—thousands will read it here:

The Church Mission to Deaf-Mutes was incorporated in New York, in October, 1872, to promote the temporal and spiritual welfare of adult deaf-mutes. In addition to the general work on missionary and charitable lines, this society has specially cared for the aged and infirm, who, at first, were gathered in a temporary home in the city of New York. In December, 1885, the trustees purchased a farm of 150 acres by the Hudson river, six miles below Poughkeepsie, with its mansion house and other buildings, and called it the Gallaudet Home for Deaf-Mutes. The city family took possession of this beautiful residence May, 1886, and the opening service with appropriate addresses was held in the chapel on the 17th of June, 1886. We are here to-day to show our interest in this Home and our thankfulnes to God for the blessings it has received. The society now owns this valuable property, free from mortgage and trusts, that it will soon have the accommodations which will enable it to receive all the aged and infirm deaf-mutes in the State of New York. The trustees have placed the management of the Home in a standing committee and a board of lady managers. Most of the latter reside in Poughkeepsie and have their office at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Nelson, the president, 33 Cannon street. The ladies, with the co-operation of the matron, Mrs. Josephine Nicholson, and the supervisor, Mr. Isaac B. Gardner, have accomplished most desirable results in the domestic department, and the inmates are comfortable and happy in this Christian refuge. The stand-

ing committee with the co-operation of the farmer, Mr. Charles Gardner, have been very much encouraged in the development of the resources of the property. In the value of the products consumed by the family, and from the sale of other products, the farm has more than paid its expenses during the past year. Since the last lawn party there have been twenty-six inmates in this Home. Five of the aged have been taken to the rest of paradise, there are twenty-one—eleven women and ten men. We are advised by the medical profession that we have been somewhat overcrowded and ought not to enlarge our family till we have increased accommodations. We are now waiting for the means with which to make additions to our buildings. Most of the inmates are able to do some work, the women helping in household duties and the men on the farm. One man has recently proved himself specially useful in painting the rooms and varnishing the furniture. It is a great comfort to us to see the members of our afflicted family doing all in their power to promote the general welfare of the first and only Home of its kind in the world.

To-day, all who are concerned in the management of this Home return most hearty thanks to the many friends who have in various ways aided them in fulfilling their mission of love to the family providentially entrusted to their care.

Mrs. Nicholson, the present matron, came to the institution last November and under her care the home is a model. Those interested in the care of the homeless and unfortunate are too apt to think that all has been done that can be, when plain, almost unfurnished apartments have been provided for them. Mr. Nicholson is not of that school. Curtains, rugs, pictures, modest drapery, and a hundred other homelike furnishings are found in every room. The visitor gets the impression of a comfortable private home, rather than of a home for the most pitiable of God's children. The matron is a sweet faced woman with a love for her charges, and an interest in her work that cannot be hidden.

One of the inmates, who is blind, recently carved from wood a miniature figure of the head of the goddess of liberty—having remembered the design from his days of sight. He also carved several figures of human hands, and the letters of the Lord's Prayer in leather—all of which were shown on Saturday. A touching incident of the day was observed in the reception room. One of the inmates, almost blind, was carrying on a conversation with Mrs. Nelson in the mute language, which Mrs. Nelson interpreted.

"I have written to my brother and have waited ever so long for a letter from home, but he does not answer me," was what he expressed.

"You must forgive him," was the answer, to which the poor man replied: "I know it is best to forgive, and have I not forgiven him for a whole year?"—and I will still forgive. I am not entirely blind, for I can just see the light through the window."

One of the most interesting of the inmates is Miss Louisa Van Watts, who contributes many articles concerning the institution to the *DEAF-MUTES JOURNAL*. She is almost blind, but very cheerful and apparently happy.

The matron laughingly related the incident concerning two of the inmates, a man 86 and a woman 83 years of age, who are at present indulging in a little flirtation in spite of the great drawbacks—mute, childish and nearly blind. Angels of modesty could not reproduce such a flirtation as that.

Life in this silent place is reflected in an incident related to the reporter. At the beginning of the last season of lent the matron said to the women inmates, "what do you want to do for Christ during this season in which he fasted forty days?"

"They all wanted to do something, but they wanted the matron to say what it should be."

"Then," said the matron, "let us work entirely for the home on certain days of each week, and our work shall be sewing carpet rugs."

This was agreed to and for several hours on two days of the week there was a sewing party at the Gallaudet Home, at which gossip had no place. The result of this penance was pointed out on Saturday in several handsome rugs in front of the feeble inmate's beds; that are sources of comfort and great satisfaction to those who found from lives of suffering, time and hearts for self denial.

HOW THE DEAF DISTINGUISH SOUND.

CURIOUS FACTS SUGGESTED BY THE CASE OF DAVID MOLLOY.

(New York Sun, July 5.)

The strange case of David Molloy has not been of more interest to anybody than the deaf and the deaf-mutes of New York City. How the young man came to lose speech and hearing they do not attempt to explain, but, as one of them said yesterday, Molloy's case does not seem extraordinary beside that of a boy at the New York Institution for Deaf-Mutes on Washington Heights. He went to bed one night apparently in possession of all his faculties, and woke up deaf and blind. The light of day has never since seen, nor has he since heard the sound of the human voice. He has been under instruction at the institute for several months.

In testing David to find if he was really deaf some amusing blunders were made. Cannon-firecrackers were exploded under his window in the hope of trapping him into saying something or making a movement to show that he heard the noise. The last test was made by Miss Molloy. She approached him from behind with a tin washbowl in one hand, and a china plate in the other.

When the plate and the bottom of the boiler met the plate was smashed to bits, which was what Miss Molloy wanted. David is reported to have heard neither the firecracker nor the breaking of the plate. The first thing that he did hear, when he says the spell of deafness was broken, was the sound of a sledge hammer upon the anvil. Now, deaf persons can detect the presence in the air of the sound of the cracker, the breaking plate, and the blow upon the anvil. Had David given any sign or said anything to show that he recognized the sounds that would have been no sign that he could really hear.

The deaf know sounds by their vibrations. They become very sensitive in detecting sounds in this way, and gradually learn to tell them apart by the length of the vibrations. The smallest firecracker causes vibrations enough for the deaf to detect it distinctly, and these vibrations they can tell apart from the vibrations caused by the dropping of a foot upon the floor or the tapping of the fingers on the table. Speaking on this subject yesterday, Dr. Thomas Gallaudet, of 9 West Eighteenth Street, who is General Manager of the Church Mission for Deaf-Mutes, said:

"The deaf generally experience sounds through the nerves, a more particularly at the nerve centre in the chest. They are sensitive to sounds produced by a passing cart in a usually quiet street, but the ear does not seem to be conscious of the sound. When they are totally deaf they are not conscious of any difference in the pitch. Loud sounds, of course, produce more effect than soft ones. A little hearing responds to a high-pitched, shrill sound more quickly than to others, but the totally deaf are able to detect only the sounds of the lower notes. They are very susceptible to organ music, particularly when they put a hand upon the instrument."

"The principle of sound vibrations has been taken advantage of in the manufacture of instruments for the deaf to hear. Prof. Currier, of the New York Institute has tubes, of ingenious construction which help the partially deaf very much, but he does not expect to perfect the instrument so that the totally deaf can hear. About one-half of the 40,000 deaf-mutes in this country were born deaf. With them there is no hope of ever hearing in this world. Of the other portion, those losing their hearing through sickness or accident, I have known of only a few cases where the hearing has been improved by treatment. The most skillful artists acknowledge their inability to do anything to restore the hearing. The auditory nerve is very subtle—like a cobweb."

It is likely that the case of David Molloy will be referred to at the Congress of Deaf-Mutes in Glasgow, on August 4. The congress is called by the Executive Committee of the Associated Deaf-Mute Societies of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Gallaudet sailed on the "Servia" yesterday to attend the congress, and also to prosecute his church work among the deaf-mutes of the British Empire.

His brother, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, President of the deaf-mute college in Washington will join him at Glasgow. Both will return in September.

TALKED WITH THE HANDS.

A SERVICE FOR DEAF-MUTES IN GRACE P. E. CHURCH.

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet, rector of St. Ann's P. E. Church, New York City, held a special service in the chapel of Grace P. E. Church last evening for the benefit of about a half a hundred of these unfortunate human beings known as deaf-mutes who are fated to pass their lives in perpetual silence.

For some time similar service have been held in the chapel on Sunday afternoons by the Rev. James S. Wells, a missionary to the deaf-mutes, who also teaches at the schools for colored blind and deaf persons, on Saratoga street. Latterly, Mr. Wells was overtaken by illness, however, and his work has been seriously interrupted in consequence. Pending his recovery, Dr. Gallaudet, who is on his way to Washington and Alexandria, Va., held the special deaf-mute service last evening. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Sunday next the Rev. Job Turner, himself a deaf-mute, will conduct the regular service at Grace Chapel in Mr. Wells' place.

Dr. Gallaudet, amid the strictest attention of his congregation, opened last evening's services with prayer in the sign-language with which deaf-mutes are familiar. He next read the Epistle and Gospel for the week of the fourth Sunday after Trinity, the latter beginning: "Be ye merciful, even as your Father in Heaven is merciful." Then followed an address, lasting for probably an hour and consisting chiefly of fatherly advice to the mutes as to their conduct in this life toward each other and to those of the outside world.

Dr. Gallaudet urged for the success of the mission and for whoever the bishop might appoint to succeed their former rector. After this Dr. Gallaudet conducted the communion service very impressively. He then invited all who would to partake of communion with him, and the altar-rail was soon surrounded by kneeling suppliants, to whom the bread and wine were presented, the minister meanwhile exhorting the communicants in dumb show. After this the service was closed with silent prayer, which Dr. Gallaudet led in the sign language, at the same time reading aloud the words in the prayer-book for the benefit of those in the audience who were blessed with the sense of hearing.

The service throughout was of a most touching character, and appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by the mutes, who frequently looked at one another and signaled their approval by means of digital expressions. The audience was a mixed one, in which the male and females were quite evenly divided.

At the conclusion of the service Dr. Gallaudet stated to a representative of *The Morning Herald* that the church in New York, of which he is rector, had done much for the spiritual welfare of deaf-mutes, in whom he was deeply interested personally.

"I talked to my audience to-night," said he, "chiefly in what we call the sign language, although I spelled out many words on my fingers as well. In the sign language a single movement is understood to convey the idea of an entire word or even phrase. Thus, 'I am glad to see you' is expressed first by a movement toward the eye and then patting the heart twice. The literal significance of these two motions is 'I see you and my heart beats. The sign for Christ is two quick movements of the index of the other hand."

This is doubtless suggestive of the nail-prints in the hands of our Lord. As a translator of English into French grows accustomed to thinking in French—that it is to constructing his English sentences according to the French method—so one who converses with deaf-mutes soon forms the habit of mentally converting verbal English sentences into the syntax of the sign language.

"After visiting Washington and Alexandria," continued Mr. Gallaudet, "I shall return to Baltimore on Saturday to confer with Bishop Pare and Powell about the possible appointment of a new minister to this mission. Then I shall leave for Great Britain to pass the summer months among the deaf-mutes and the deaf-mute instructors of the British Isles."—*Baltimore Herald*, June 24.

DETROIT, MICH.

Again I am far behind with my pen, but who can foresee what each future day will bring? Various circumstances have occurred to prevent an earlier response. In my last letter I referred to my taking a trip to Dakota, and other points of interest, and do any of you expect to find in this letter that I have given up the idea of going so far away? If so, you are to be disappointed for ere this reaches the *JOURNAL* columns, I shall be away out on the broad waters of Lake Superior, bound for Port Arthur, via C. P. R., to Winnipeg.

This, therefore, will be my last letter penned from Detroit, until my return in November.

The reunion at Flint is a theme of the past, and as Mr. Long, of Eaton Rapids, has promised to write to the *JOURNAL* quite an interesting account of it, I will make only a few simple remarks.

The Bagley Literary Society members all went together and formed quite a lively party.

Each member wore a blue badge edged with gold fringe, and they read as follows:

"Bagley Literary Society. Delegate to A. A. M. S. D."

Mr. Charles Wolff, of St. Louis, Mo., has for the past few days been in Detroit. While here he stopped at the "Griswold," and formed the acquaintance of Miss G. E. Maxwell. He was one of the party that attended the Alumni Association at Flint, having been persuaded to go by invitation of the lady above named.

Mr. Wolff left Tuesday evening for Chicago, where it is believed he will spend the summer in Kalamazoo, but now of St. Louis, Mo., was only one of the Michigan boys that attended the reunion.

He spent a few days in Detroit, and before leaving the city, took tea at the "Griswold" by invitation of G. E. Maxwell, to whom he is a general favorite.

Miss Annie McCraig, of Carson City, will spend the Summer in Detroit as the guest of her aunt.

Miss Lizzie Fitzgerald spent a day at Mt. Morris, as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Grunauer after the close of the reunion.

Miss Clara Smith is quite busy just now. Her absence at Flint has rather added a good amount of work. Mr. James Hadden, who came to Detroit a few weeks ago, received a telegraph message calling him home to the bedside of his brother. He was expecting him in Detroit the very day he received the message.

Heartfelt sympathy is tendered Mr. Hadden in his present troubles. He is getting to be quite a fine artist so says Miss Smith whose instruction his under.

Mrs. S. R. Jones, supervisor of the girls at the Flint school, stopped off a few hours at Detroit on her way to Hartford, Conn.

She was, fortunate enough to meet G. E. Maxwell's uncle and aunt, who were enroute for New York from New Orleans.

There being nothing of interest to add to this already poorly scribbled letter, I will simply say adieu to all

PANSY.

June 24, '91.

BOUGHT A HALTER.

A new story is told of Oliver Walton, who in his day was the greatest dealer in good horses near Boston.

On one occasion he came into Maine and bought an extra good horse for \$300. The horse breeder was one of the niggardly kind, and asked, "How are you going to lead the horse away?"

"With that halter, to be sure," said Walton, busy counting out the money for the horse.

"No, sir," said the breeder, "the halter don't go with the horse; it belongs to me. I did not sell you that."

"What, not let me have a halter after I have given you your price for the horse?" asked old Oliver.

"What do you want for it?"

"A dollar, sir," said the farmer.

"All right," said Walton, "here is the dollar." He put the rest of his money in his pocket, then he stepped quickly to the horse's head and remarked, "I will take the halter, but I guess I will not take the horse."

He took off the halter, let the horse go loose, and the breeder had many a long day in which to repent of his overreaching.—*Leiston Journal*.

NEW YORK.

Second Annual Excursion of the Union League.

TO LAURELTON GROVE.

A Decided Success—Nearly one Thousand Present.

The Deaf-Mutes' Union League's second annual excursion to Laurelton Grove, on Long Island Sound, turned out to be a grand success. It took place, on Wednesday, July 1st. The Iron Steamboat "Sirius," which was chartered for the occasion, was nearly crowded to its full capacity, it being estimated that nearly one thousand were on board, and such a merry and contented lot is something seldom seen.

The magnificent "Sirius" left West 23rd Street, at 8:30, with a goodly crowd on board. The next landing was made at Pier 1, where another crowd was taken on, and then the steamboat turned its prow around the Battery, steamed up the East River passing under the great Suspension Bridge, arriving at East 23d Street, to find an immense party of over six hundred anxiously waiting to get on the boat. We left the dock at 10:15, forty-five minutes after schedule time, but made fast time to the Laurelton Grove, forty miles out, which was reached at 12:40.

That this affair eclipsed our former excursion, given last year is what the excursionists said, because they were delighted with the elaborate arrangements for the day.

The music was furnished by Prof. Miller.

The arrangements were cared for by Messrs. Francis W. Nubser, Charles Bothner, Joseph Yankauer, M. Levy and Theo. S. Rose, who spared no pains to bring about the above results. The excursionists could not praise Mr. Nubser half enough for the pleasures which he, as chairman of the above committee, gave them. The members also are congratulating themselves, on account of having left the management in his care, and his efforts have met with more than their expectations. No little credit was also bestowed upon Mr. Bothner who proved an invaluable assistant to Chairman Nubser, he and the rest of the committee worked very hard to carry out the plans laid down by the chairman for the pleasure of "the people."

Mr. Emanuel Souweine, as floor manager, won the smiles of the ladies present, on account of his efficient management. The floor committee assisted him, chairmaned by Adolph Pfeiffer, Jr., and the members of the committee were Arthur C. Bachrach, Simon Hirsch, Charles Le Clercq, Timothy E. Driscoll, George M. Taggard, William Geiger, James S. Orr and Thos. H. Schneider.

The wants and interests of the people on board were looked after by the reception committee composed of James B. Gass, Chairman; Henry Kohlman, Thomas F. Harrihill, Charles C. McMann, Irwin Oppenheimer, Charles E. Dolan, Philip Eichelser, Mortimer B. Howe, Richard McDonald, Francis J. Stevens, Chester P. Rice, John C. Schreiner, Moses Loew, Bennie Elkin, Henry Miller, Edgar Bloom, George August, William Schnell, Isaac Weil, Jacob Hirsztus and Amandus Henning, who had their hands full and did their shares well. Mr. Samuel Frankenheim, the president of the Union League, was to be seen everywhere to convince himself how the different committees worked. In fact, all the members worked like beavers.

On board the boat, dancing was indulged in to a great extent. Another feature, on board, was the immense table of refreshments, which was surrounded constantly. The luncheon was excellent.

On landing, the party scattered in all directions, the older folks to some shady spots, while the younger people participated in all kinds of out-door sports. The dancing pavilion also was patronized to a great extent.

Shortly before five o'clock, the whistle blew to call the people, and when all had returned from the grove, the steamer made its homeward journey with a tired but happy crowd who were delighted with the beautiful grove, scenery and the long stay on land. Dancing was indulged in by many, while the ice-cream tables attracted many others. The city was reached at 7:15, and the last landing was made at 8:30.

Rev. Dr. Gallaudet honored us with his presence from West 23d Street to East 23d Street, where he had to leave us, as he was busy with his preparations to sail for Europe on the 4th inst.

We would like very much to give a list of persons present, but as the list is too long, suffice it to say that everybody was there among whom were many prominent people.

As will be seen by our dancing programme, the Union League has hired Lyric Hall for its annual ball, on December 29th, 1891, on which occasion they will entertain their numerous friends. Due notice will be given in this paper as to all particulars.

R. E. U.

Iowa Notes.

The reunion of the Iowa deaf-mutes at Council Bluffs has come and gone. It was a grand success, and would have been more so, if it had assembled in the fall. Dubuque had no representative or delegate to this reunion.

Mr. Holycross is editor of the *Deaf-Mute Critic*.

The two great shows of Sell Bros. and Forepaugh have been here on different dates, and both were well patronized by the mutes, who enjoyed it very much.

Mr. Gus. Levi's mother recently paid a visit to his wife's relatives in Crawfordville, Ind., and also in Milwaukee, Wis. His father is eighty-two years old, hale and hearty. He was one of the old settlers of this place, and is considered to be quite wealthy. His wife's maiden name was Miss Carrie Bischof. Their child Ida is two years old, pretty and lively. She can talk very well, orally being taught to do so by a good nurse. They have a beautiful home on Seventh Street.

A fine court house is being built here. A mute named William Hanley works on this building. He is considered to be the best workman. Two men fell from the elevator about sixty feet, and were injured, but not fatally.

The fourth of July passed off very quietly here among the deaf-mutes. They had no amusements. Only two mutes outside of the city came here on a visit to their city cousins.

Mr. Kiene, who attended college last term, is at home enjoying his vacation at his father's mansion. He will return to college next fall. There will not be any new students from Iowa to the college this year, but next year there may be several among whom will be Joseph Zugenbuehler, of this city, should circumstances be such that he can go. Nothing was done at the recent reunion towards raising funds to send worthy students to college, according to Dr. Gallaudet's suggestions.

No marriages among the mutes of Iowa has come off this year. We wonder what is the matter. Iowa is supposed to contain about three thousand deaf-mutes, and there must be enough marriages gentlemen and ladies in the State.

Several of the mute ladies of this city are now full-fledged dressmakers, and are earning good wages. They are Misses Eliza McDonnell, Lena Allegeyer, Annie Ott, Clara Kuntz, Sarah Lovett, and Rosa Seeger. They have learned a trade to make themselves independent. All have good situations.

Miss Clara Fuhrmann, of this city, has gone to Racine, Wis., on a visit to mute friends, among whom are Mr. and Mrs. Knoblock. She will then go to Stevens Point, Wis., to visit her classmate, who was with her in school at St. Francis near Milwaukee, Wis. She will probably visit her *alma mater* there.

Miss Jennie Hemer has gone to Waterloo, Ia., on a visit to her relatives. It is said that she is heir to a considerable fortune which she inherited upon the death of her grandfather in Germany.

Mr. Joseph Ott, brother to Miss Annie Ott, was recently married to a fine lady of this city. He is teller in the Second National Bank of this city, where he has been employed for the past nine years in various positions.

The factory project to be started by deaf-mutes is a fizzle. It is dying out, and will be abandoned, as it does not meet encouragement as was at first expected. The project was very much discouraged by a recent editorial in the *JOURNAL*.

Dubuque has a system of storage battery cars running on one line where mutes were employed before. The cars run along automatically, and is the wonder of the age. It is said this is the first city in the world to adopt a full system of storage battery cars, while other cities were only experimenting with them before adopting the system. They are beauties and a joy forever.

July 9, 1891. NAPOLEON.

To Work Among Foreign Deaf-Mutes.

NEW YORK, July 3, '91.

MY DEAR MR. HODGSON:—On the eve of departing for Europe in the *Servia* on work among deaf-mutes in Ireland, England and Scotland, I desire kind remembrances to all my friends in the United States.

I regret I shall be deprived of the pleasure of going on the excursion for the benefit of the Home on the 14th of July. I trust it will prove a success. I trust also that the Brooklyn Society may have a favorable day.

Please allow me to again express my thanks to all my friends who joined in the presentation to me of the beautiful and life-like portrait, painted by Mr. Albert Ballin.

My heart is filled with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for all the blessings and encouragements He has vouchsafed to me in my efforts to promote the welfare of deaf-mutes.

Hoping to be home and ready for work in New York and elsewhere on the 10th or 20th of September.

I am yours very sincerely,

THOMAS GALLAUDET.

[The steamship "Servia" broke down when about two hundred miles from New York and was towed back to port. The "Roanoke," on which Messrs. Fox, Porter, Pach and Hodgson returned from Virginia, passed the disabled steamship at Sandy Hook on Tuesday night.—ED. JOURNAL.]

COLUMBUS.

A Prominent Deaf-Mute Killed by the Cars.

DEATH OF MRS. B. S. WOOD.

Brief Items from the Buckeye State.

(From our Columbus Correspondent.)

We are called upon this week to chronicle the deaths of two Ohio deaf-mutes. One prominent among the older graduates, the other of later years. As to the first, the following, in brief, tells how he met his end:

Dr. J. E. Townsend, of Warren County, Ohio, was killed by the cars at Milford. He was deaf and dumb.

We tried to get the particulars, but thus far have met with no success.

Mr. Townsend entered the institution as a pupil in 1838, and graduated in 1843. After leaving school, he engaged as a farmer, but a few years after having invented some kind of a salve, he peddled that about for a living. He was married three times, the first to Jane Sawhill, next to Elizabeth Hanson and the third to Nancy Roach, who still survives him.

Seven children, three of whom are recorded as deaf, were born to him. How many are still living, we do not know. One of his sons, who attended school here some years ago, ran away, and later was killed on the railroad track.

The other death is that of Mrs. Beulah Strong Wood, which occurred at Toledo, Ohio, on the 23d of June. The news of her demise was a complete surprise to her friends in Columbus, and was not known until last Saturday. She had many friends throughout the State, who will receive the news of her sudden death with sincere sorrow, indeed, it is hard to realize that one so young and dearly esteemed as she was is no more. Mr. Wood has the sincere sympathy of his hosts of friends in his bereavement. They had been married about two years. The cause of Mrs. Wood's death, it is stated, was heart failure. She had given birth to a still-born child on July 7th.

The *Toledo News*, of last Friday, give this account of the funeral:

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. WOOD.

The funeral services of Mrs. Beulah Strong Wood were held at her late residence on Irving Street, this morning at nine o'clock. Rev. Mr. Hunt, of the Ashland Avenue Baptist Church, conducted the exercises, which were opened by a quartet singing "Safe in the arms of Jesus," after which a psalm was read. Mr. Hunt's remarks were brief but full of consolation to the friends, and his prayer at the close was full of feeling.

Mrs. Wood was a very popular lady and was dearly beloved, not only by her deaf-mute friends but by all with whom she came in contact. While she was bereft of hearing she had a wonderful facility for reading lips, and her studies in articulation enabled her to carry on a conversation with people she met with comparative ease.

There were many present at the funeral and the floral tributes were numerous. The remains were taken to the home of her parents at Swanton for interment.

Mr. C. W. Charles has returned to Columbus from his trip to Cincinnati and Kentucky. He has some notions of becoming a printer, and very likely will "sub" in the *Daily Press* or other papers in the city.

Miss C. M. Feasley also returned to Columbus, Tuesday to remain a week, then to return to Zanesville.

Mrs. John Lyness accompanied by her son left Wednesday for Wellington Loraine Co., to make an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Stoddler.

Samuel W. Corbet, of Bellaire is in the city. He is a glass-blower, but his factory has shut down for the summer, so he came here to see how things about his *alma mater* were doing.

The last heard from the "Ramblor" and "Rover" with their occupants, they were at Put-in-Bay about ready to start for Toledo.

A. W. Downing, a former teacher here, and now employed in the Western Pennsylvania Institution, was in Columbus during the week.

As far as our information goes, none of the teachers from this Institution will attend the convention at Lake George for the promotion of teaching speech to the deaf. Louise Atwood is the only one going from Columbus, and she is preparing as a teacher of articulation.

Mrs. Edward J. Scott and son left this morning for Dayton, O., on a visit to friends for an extended time.

Since writing our account of Mr. Townsend's death we have received the Richmond, Ind., *Telegram*, of June 22d, which has this to say on the subject:

"The remains of J. E. Townsend, formerly of this city, were brought here, Saturday afternoon, for interment at Earlham Cemetery, beside those of his son, who like him was killed by the cars, the latter at Fountain City twelve years ago. The father, who was a deaf-mute seventy years of age, was killed on Friday, at a crossing near Milford, in the Northern part of the State, where he was selling medicine. He was in a buggy that was reduced to fragments. While he was badly mangled, the horse escaped uninjured."

We have been informed that Mr. Townsend has but one son living. The accident seems to be similar to that which befell the late Rev. Collins Stone.

July 3, '91.

AKRON, O.

Miss Blanche Harris is home from school at Columbus, to spend her vacation with her parents here.

The contractor and builder is putting up a neat dwelling residence for J. W. W. Powell and family.

Mrs. J. W. W. Powell, who has been very ill from the grip for a long time, will probably go to Cleveland, accompanied by her little daughter. The object of the trip, being to consult a doctor, of that city.

The genial John Schild, of Canton, was the guest of Mr. Powell and family last Sunday. He chatted brightly with his institution friends. Mr. Schild looked well and grasped the hands of the writer of olden times with much warmth and feeling. The young man was on his way to Cleveland to spend the week with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell pleasantly entertained a number of the local mutes one Sunday afternoon. In the evening they gave a very pretty tea to them.

An Ohioan who has risen to great renown in teacher's circles, at Columbus, is Prof. Robert McGregor, teacher of the Ohio Institution, who will probably visit Akron, has many friends in this city, who always delight in honoring him.

The picnic of the deaf-mutes will come off some time this month, in the Forest City Park, in Cleveland, O. A big time is expected.

Mr. Elias Myers, of Canton, spent the Fourth with the silent fellows in Akron. He has two weeks' lay off from work, and will spend the harvest time at the country home in Uniontown, Stark County.

From the south end of Akron, Saturday, we had a fine view of numerous wheat fields, whose changing color betokens the coming harvest.

Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. were mute visitors in town last week, but escaped our observation.

Elmer Siegfried went on a trip to Toledo, on the Fourth of July.

A bold, sneak thief entered the room of John B. Benedict at his boarding house in Akron, one day last week, and helped himself to a gold scarf-pin, shirts, collars, handkerchiefs, etc. One of the boarders saw a strange individual in the hall up stairs in the house, and he thought the man was a new boarder, where he did go, however, was to Mr. Benedict's room. The police were informed, and a description of the thief and things given. It is thought that the thief will be captured.

Most of the pupils spent the Fourth at Lake Side Park, all day, near Akron. All had a very good time.

Gertrude Stubert, of Richmond, returned home last week, after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in Cincinnati.

Mr. Ira Crandon, of Columbus, will be here on a visit among the mutes very soon. He is always welcome.

PETERBORO, N. H.

Mr. Herman Culver is spending a month's vacation in East Dorset, Vt., his home. In August he will return to work here at his old place in the shoe shop.

Charles A. Wilson and Sanford Wilson went to Greenfield last Wednesday. Ten years ago they worked in that place. They also were in Peterboro, and had a good time with old friends.

Mr. J. G. Wilkins, of Antrim, has been suffering from a cancer in left eye, which had to be removed at the Boston Hospital. His absence caused the religious service which Mr. Goldsmith was to conduct at the Methodist Church in Antrim, last Sunday to be postponed.

On Saturday, June 15th, the first game between the Peterboro and Milford was played. The Milford nine won an easy victory. It was noticeable that one of the finest of the Peterboro players never spoke a word during the game. It was Daniel Cantlin, a deaf-mute, who played on third-base. He got one run, four put-outs, and one error.

We learn that Prof. Hotchkiss, of the National Deaf-Mute College has gone with his family to spend his vacation in New Jersey.

Alton Odum, of Tennessee, who is a student of the National Deaf-Mute College, came here to work in the *Transcript* Office through the summer. He likes the place as the proprietor is very pleasant.

There was a very exciting ball-game here yesterday, between the Peterboro, and New Ipswich nines. Alton Odum pitched for the Peterboro nine and struck out ten men. He made eight base-hits. The Peterboro got beaten 8 to 7. D. Catlin played splendidly and earned ten runs. Mr. Odum will go to Benington on the Fourth, and pitch for the Benington club, by request of the captain of that club. It is to be against the Goffstown nine, and two games will be played.

The New Hampshire Base-ball nine challenges any State deaf nine at the Boston Picnic next July or August, to play a game. We are waiting to hear when the Union will hold its annual picnic. Address, Edwin H. French, Peterboro, N. H.

"The deaf-mutes here will spend the Fourth of July as follows: Daniel Cantlin will go home to Winchester, N. H., for a week. He will accompany his old classmate, Belle E. Brown, of Newburgh, N. Y.; Ira Worcester will remain over Saturday and Sunday at his Amherst home; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. French will spend a few days with their children at Nashua.

SKIVERS.

WISCONSIN.

Sixth Triennial Reunion of the Wisconsin Deaf-Mute Association.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE PRESENT.

The Picnic at Irvingwood Park—Notes.

(From the *Delavan Republican*.)

The sixth triennial session of the Wisconsin Deaf-Mute Alumni Association opened Saturday afternoon, June 13th, with a large attendance. After a few kind words of welcome by Supt. Swiler in which he extended to all the hospitality of the School, Prest. Harry Reed, of Menasha, delivered the opening address. With sorrow he mentioned the absence of some familiar faces which were no more, spoke with pleasure and satisfaction in regard to the interest and aid the State is rendering in educating its deaf, made favorable reference to the introduction of the manual alphabet into the books of the public schools as tending to facilitate the intercommunication of the hearing and the deaf and spoke strongly in favor of the School Compulsory Law for the Deaf which passed the last legislature. He hoped it would be the result of more attention to the education of deaf children growing up in ignorance in various parts of the State. The treasurer pro tem. then gave a financial report of the association. The finances are in good condition.

Sunday, the 14th, at 9 a.m., after prayer by Rev. Mann, of Cleveland, O., in the school chapel, Supt. Swiler delivered an interesting discourse on "The Fullness of God," based on Ephesians 3:19. He emphasized the point of living without God in the world and brought in an illustration of the hollowness of wealth, in fact of most everything even friendship, if in the long God was left out of our lives.

In the evening there was a meeting in the chapel at which interesting reminiscence of the early history of the School were told.

Among the oldest pupils present were Mr. Washington Farrar and Mr. James Dudley, who commenced school in a farm house two miles west of the present location on the Janesville road in 1850. There were also present Mrs. Mills, the wife of the first teacher, Mr. John Mills, who was run over and killed by a train at Elkhorn, Wis., a few years ago. Her remarks, though brief, were eloquent and touching as she spoke of the past, compared it with the present and its great improvements and predicted for the future of the deaf in both this world and the next much that was yet in store for them. After many other interesting things were said the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

The association is enjoying itself immensely in spite of the warm weather. The bathing pool in the new gymnasium is being a source of great pleasure to many. There are at present 129 in attendance.

Part of Monday morning was spent in races, among which were a sack race for gentlemen and an egg race and a fifty yard dash for the ladies. Mr. Gallagan, of Darlington, won the sack race and got a "Life of Gen. Sherman," Miss Maggie Downey, of Milwaukee, won the egg race and received a fine umbrella, and Miss Anna Wilderman, of Ft. Atkinson, came out first on the dash and received a silk umbrella with a gold headed handle. The remainder of the morning was spent in meeting, hearing reports of the committees, etc.

In the afternoon addresses were delivered by Prof. Robinson on "Marriage" and by Miss Nellie Ward on "Occupations." She believed in choosing "the occupation one liked best. Miss Linnie Bailey had an address on "Occupations for Deaf Women," but not being present it was read by Prof. Robinson.

Tuesday the Association had a picnic at Irvingwood Park and some of the members competed for prizes in a boat race.

Wednesday was devoted to business, the election of officers and the revision of the Constitution. The attendance about 130.

The picnic at Delavan lake was a most enjoyable affair. It took seven well filled busses and three carriages to draw them all. Young & Burrows' little steamer was well patronized, it say nothing of the boating indulged in by individual members. There was a boat race which was won by Pres. Reed, the prize for which was a silver handled umbrella.

Mr. Thomas Hagerty, of Manitowoc, and a graduate of the National Deaf-Mute College, took quite a number of photographs of various groups, one of which was the classes of 1852 and 1854. They included Washington Farrar, Geo. Taylor, Mrs. Sarah Tyson, P. S. Englehardt, James Dudley and Mrs. Jane Atkinson. It was the largest picnic ever held at Irvingwood and the big dinner served to 119 guests was no small job. It was the most enjoyable and successful of all previous reunions and great credit is due those who had its management in their hands.

Tuesday evening, the 16th, two addresses were made before the asso-

ciation, one was by Mr. J. C. Balis, of Toronto, Canada, on the "Dignity of Labor," and the other on "Trades" by Mr. P. S. Englehardt, of Milwaukee. Practically it was the most interesting and important of all the addresses.

He believed only those trades should be taught the youth at School, for which they had a natural liking. He reviewed the European system of apprenticing pupils for five years after leaving school instead of sending them home. Then they were only apprenticed to that trade for which they had a natural aptitude. For this reason the mechanics of the old world were better workmen than the graduates of our schools and always found plenty of employment. He named almost an unlimited number of deaf people successfully doing all kinds of independent business, which was quite a surprise so far as numbers were concerned. As a rule the deaf were excellent workmen in spite of the difficulties they had to contend against, and received the same pay as those who could hear, which deaf teachers generally did not nor were they equally respected. He named among successful employment for the deaf, lock-making, watch-making, shoe-making, printing, baking, tailoring, farming, poultry raising, horticulture and some others.

From the fact that marriage among the deaf has of late been causing considerable discussion, a more than ordinary review of the points in Prof. Robinson's address are here given. He made love its basis, the perpetuation of the race and help and encouragement in life its object, and fidelity and a sense of equality its permanence. In regard to the deaf transmitting the defect to their offspring, especially in cases where the parents were born deaf was of rarer occurrence than is generally supposed. Heredity, as Prof. Virchow, a distinguished physician, has said, is with man only partial. Some of the prominent specific causes of deafness are locality, consanguinity of parents, a strumous and delicate habit of body, accidents and mental impressions on the mother before the child is born. There is, as a general rule, 1 deaf person to every 1200 inhabitants.

When it is remembered how many moral and social questions there are involved in the marriage of the deaf of more importance to their happiness and well being than the remote liability of their having deaf children. It hardly looks wise to attempt any interference. So far as can be learned but one case of a deaf child being born of deaf parents has occurred in this State. While it is good thing if the deaf suitably intermarry with the hearing, the records of this state do not look very encouraging for such unions, since four cases of divorce and one of abandonment have already been reported in the few marriages of that kind.

The officers elected for the next three years are Harry Reed, of Menasha, re-elected President; Thomas Hagerty, of Manitowoc, Vice-President; W. Robinson, of Delavan, Secretary and P. S. Englehardt, of Milwaukee, Treasurer.

Evansville, Ind.

It has just leaked out that there are in all eight hundred and twenty-five deaf-mutes of all ages and sexes in the twelve counties surrounding the above-named city, and it has caused quite a stir here. It is hoped that an institution large enough to hold five hundred pupils, or more will be built somewhere in the vicinity of Vanderburg County, as it is needed badly, because the Institution at Indianapolis can hold only 300 or thereabouts. It would be a shame to our present civilization, if all those deaf-mutes were allowed to go uneducated, that is if they have not been at school a day in their life.

It is rumored that steps have been taken to get as many deaf-mutes to attend the "Day School for the Deaf" in this city next fall as the school can hold. This is due to the earnest efforts of Prof. Charles Kerney, Principal of the above-named school, who devotes all of his time for the purpose of securing an education for deaf-mutes as possible, can be given them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerney are in Decatur, Ill., spending their vacation as well as the hot weather will permit them.

Messrs. Holtz and Welsh are home from college, and the good old times goes on the same way with them. The writer sincerely regrets to say that the above-named gentlemen are the only ones from Indiana at the National Deaf-Mute College.

Silas Stephens is at his old stand yet, and can be seen with hammer and nail, crying at the top of his voice.

"Drive the nail right, boys,
Hit it on the head,
Strike with all your might, boys,
While the iron is red."

Evansville can boast of one charming little miss in the person of Zetta Meyer, who is the sunshine wherever she is. There ought to be more of her sort.

In all in all, the deaf-mutes of this city are all gay as larks, and like a joke once in a while, that is if it is a good one.

"WILL-O'-THE-WHISP."

Mr. Job Turner's Appointments.

July 12.—Weston, West Va.
" 23.—Memphis, Tenn.
" 23.—Vicksburg, Miss.
" 24.—Baton Rouge, La.
" 26.—New Orleans, La.

BOSTON.

The Union Picnic, July 22d.

BRIEF PERSONAL NOTES.

The Union Picnic of the Boston Deaf-Mutes, will be held at Melville Garden and Downer Landing, July 22d, not June 23d, as reported in one of my letters. The programme of exercises comprises rope jumping, potato race, sack race, walking match, etc. Suitable prizes will be awarded to winners. Those desirous to play base-ball for prizes cash may do so, by handing in a subscription, and one of the committee will be appointed stake-holder. Who will give same to winners.

Tickets for round trip, including to Melville Garden, sixty cents; children between 5 and twelve years, forty-five cents, and children under 5 years, free.

Steamers will leave Rowes Wharf, Boston, for Downer Landing at 9:45, 10:45, 12:30, 3:40. Return, 3:55, 5:15, 6:35, 9:30 p.m.

Cake bake will be had there. Dame rumor has it that the wedding of Miss Edna Howe, of Hyde Park, and Mr. S. G. Davidson, of Philadelphia, will take place July 9th.

In the Boston *Herald*, a few days ago, there appeared a brief history of the schools of Boston. Among them, the Horace Mann School, which boasts of being the only public school for the deaf in the United States. It being neither an institution nor an asylum.

Prof. Weeks preached at the Boston Society, Sunday before last. The subject of his sermon was "Affection," in concluding it, he suggested that the deaf-mutes contribute money for a headstone as a memorial for the late Mrs. Wm. Lynde, but Mr. Lynde, who was present, said that his family had already made arrangements to have a memorial erected.

Mr. Crane, of Hartford, preached at the Boston Society last Sunday morning, in the afternoon, he went to the Lynn Society.

Mr. E. A. Hodgson, Editor of the *JOURNAL*, spent a few days visiting in and around Boston last week.

It is said that Mr. Geo. T. Sanders, of Haverhill, has accepted a position with Prof. Bell at a salary of \$2,000 a year, to begin next fall.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bigelow and little daughter will spend a month with Mrs. Bigelow's parents in Vermont, leaving here, July 11th.

"Nemo's" report about the N. E. G. A. Convention was the first that Secretary Sawyer has heard of, even if any, what objects for such special calls could they be. There must be two or more important objects, at least, so as to make it worth the trouble of calling all together and discuss. It would be foolish to call for a special meeting and discuss one subjects for half an hour, then return home many miles away. There is nothing of importance in the association which needs to be transacted at once.

A party of deaf-mutes educated at Northampton wanted to have one more picnic before they are married, consequently they met in Boston and went to Plymouth Rock in a steamer. The water was so rough that all the people aboard expect about twenty-five were sick. Strange to say, none of the deaf-mutes were sick. The captain of the boat refused to return on the same day, so the passengers were obliged to come home by rail in spite of their having paid round-trip tickets on the steamer.

June 29, '91.

Toronto.

We have had quite a number of visitors in our city of late, and since the Belleville Institution closed for vacation, the meetings have been larger.

Henry Gilbert has again gone to England with a cargo of cattle.

James Hadden has gone to Detroit to improve himself in his trade. He will probably return to Toronto in the fall.

FANWOOD.

How the Glorious Fourth was Spent at the Institution.

COMMENTS ON THE FOURTH.

An Accident, A Death and Other Notes.

(From our Fanwood Correspondent.)

Probably no other Institution in the country can be compared to the Empire State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, familiarly known as "Fanwood." Its advantages are many. It is neither in the heart of the city or country. The location of the grounds are upon the banks of the beautiful Hudson River, the "Rhine of America," at Washington Heights, and occupies twenty-six acres. The buildings are grand, and many of the Institutions for the deaf have been modelled after them.

During the summer it is the most desirable place to spend one's vacation. With the dismissing of school, the place has the appearance of a grand hotel and probably more visitors come up to the grounds than at any other time during the year, but that is natural, as the scenery from the Institution piazza is grand and beyond description.

But the Institution is not open to visitors during vacation. The annual house cleaning, plastering and kalsomining is still going on, but before the opening of the next school term every thing will be in perfect condition.

Twenty-seven boys and seven girls remain here during vacation, and to keep them from mischief, they are made to do some work in the shops, the girls too aid in many trifles. Taking all in all, every thing for their comfort and enjoyment is being done for them. Messrs. Glynn, Maynard, Britt and Vernon do the work in setting up the JOURNAL in the printing office. W. S. Abrams too, works in the office and is making considerable progress.

On the morning of the Fourth all were made happy by Superintendent Brainerd, who furnished them with a small sum of money. One would think that the deaf lack patriotism, but if any one had been here on the Fourth and heard the noise our boys made, they would wonder at the progress made in their education. Their pent up patriotism can easily be seen, when they invested all their money in explosives, such as toy pistols, fire crackers, torpedoes, etc. In the evening pinwheels and other fireworks were whirled off, very much to their amusement. The only incident of the day occurred in the evening; G. Hamm, as a finale of the days' celebration, tried to explode a large quantity of gunpowder and was badly burnt on the face. Dr. Brooks, the son of ex-Superintendent Brooks, who was a guest of Superintendent Brainerd, prescribed, and Miss Fraser, the nurse, dressed his wounds and he is now doing well.

There was a blazing fire at 165th on the evening of July 4th, and Wm. S. Abrams wanted to assist in saving lives and property, but the police prevented him. He claims that if it wasn't for their interference he would now be a hero.

Joseph Gorch, the brother of Mrs. W. F. Durian, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the last week of June at the Institution.

On July 2d, the party from New York, which includes Messrs. Hodgson, Fox, Pach and Porter, who went to Richmond, Va., by steamer, to take in the Reunion of the Virginia Deaf-Mute Association, were about thirty miles from Norfolk, sailing on the beautiful rocky sea. The only glimpse they could obtain of land was a faint line occasionally, that looked like the edge of a cloud. They reached home Tuesday night, bringing with them relics from the battleground of Seven Pines.

The visitors last Sunday were Mrs. Williams and Miss Kaler, and Messrs. Costuma, Taylor, and a few others whose names have escaped the writer's memory.

Rev. H. Morton Reed, pastor of the Church of the Intercession, West 158th Street and Boulevard, died very suddenly in the street near his home, 557 West 156th Street, on the evening of July 3d, while returning from a visit. His death was brought about by heart failure, superinduced by an attack of the "grip." Rev. Mr. Reed was well known at the Institution, and a goodly number of the pupils were members of his church. He was the editor of the *Parish Guide*, a monthly four-page religious paper, which was printed in the printing office of this Institution. The funeral service was held on Sunday at 3 p.m., at the Church, 158th Street, and the body was conveyed to Philadelphia for burial.

Miss Annie C. Kugeler, the dress-maker, went to Coney Island on the first of July with her uncle. After spending a few days in Brooklyn, she will go to Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N. Y., to remain till September 2d.

Miss Mary Montgomery, one of the supervisors of the girls, has gone to Flint, Mich., to spend a two months' vacation.

Through the invitation of the Union League, the pupils, who are obliged to remain at the Institution during vacation, attended the excursion to Laurelton Grove, on the 1st, and all report having had an enjoyable time, and they wish to express their thanks to the League for their kind consideration in inviting them.

Prof. W. G. Jones, on the 15th of June last, was remembered by his children by some costly gifts in the shape of a secretary's desk or tablet, and a handsome office chair. The Professor has received an invitation to lecture in Pittsburg, Pa., on the 11th inst., and also in St. Louis, Mo. Messrs. Gamage and Gerloff have postponed their trip abroad.

The brother of James Britt came up to the Institution on the Fourth to celebrate the day with him.

Superintendent Brainerd has been informed of the sad death of Henry Slavin, of Unadilla, N. Y. Young Slavin was a pupil of this Institution. On the 29th of June last, in company with his sister, aged ten years, he went to one of the piers of the bridge on the Susquehanna river, to fish, and while in one of his fits, he fell overboard and was drowned. The little girl hung to his hand and tried to save him, and came very near being pulled into the river with him. He was buried in St. Matthew's Church yard at four o'clock, on June 30th. A QUAD.

Baltimore, Md.

The Baltimore Deaf-Mute Society held its first annual excursion to Tolchester Beach, on Thursday, June 25th. The committee spared neither labor or money to carry the wishes of the society to the highest pinnacle, and that the object desired was attained last Thursday, no one will hesitate to admit. All who joined in the festivities hugely enjoyed a June day that will not be lost to their memory many months. The deaf-mute population turned out en-masse. The steamer "Louise" left the city at 8:30 and landed at the beach at about 11:30, and the hills were soon thereafter dotted with dinner parties, nearly everybody bringing along well filled baskets.

At 3 o'clock the deaf-mute club, who styled themselves the "Tiddley Winks," played a game of ball with the "All American," a strong hearing club from the city and defeated them by a score of 15 to 5. At 7:30 p.m., the homeward journey was commenced, and it was nearly 10 o'clock when the boat touched at the city wharf. The committee, G. W. Veditz, Chairman, Frank Leitner, R. E. Underwood, J. A. Branflick, E. Butterbaugh, and J. W. Unsworth worked hard, and their labors were crowned with glory. A handsome sum was realized which will greatly swell the depleted funds of the society. The day was a little bit on the warm side, but no fault was found on that score. Prof. Melville Ballard, of Washington, could not forgo the temptation and joined in the "swim."

The best natured crowd that ever attended an excursion, was the one on the "Louise" last Thursday; everybody seemed to like each other first rate.

Among those who participated in the excursion were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barry, of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Moylan, of Virginia, who are spending their honeymoon in this city for the present.

We are now looking forward to the Thirteenth Annual Reunion and Picnic at Druid Hill Park, on August 5th.

On Tuesday evening, June 23d, Rev. Dr. Thomas Gallaudet held a special service in our chapel. He read the Epistle and Gospel for the week of the 4th Sunday after Trinity, the latter being, "Be ye merciful even as your Father in heaven is merciful." Then followed an address lasting about an hour and consisting chiefly of fatherly advice to the deaf-mutes as to their conduct in this life to each other. He urged us to pray for Mr. Wells' recovery and for the success of the Mission. After this Dr. Gallaudet conducted the Communion service very impressively.

Rev. Job Turner, who was recently elevated to the priesthood, held church service in our church on Sunday, June 23d, before a large audience of deaf-mutes.

HARRY W.

"Mirabile Dictu."

For two weeks, beginning with July 6th, Mr. Ed. Whalen, who is known under the above heading on the vandyke stage, will grapple, dance, and introduce his lightning change acts at the Lyceum Concert Casino, this city. The deaf-mutes' old musical friend, Mr. Richard E. Sause has booked him for that time, with the object in view, the attraction would be appreciated by his deaf-mute friends. The rest of the bill is exceptionally good, and the interior of the Lyceum Casino, on warm evenings, is as cool as one could desire. Electric fans serve the purpose admirably. The star for the two weeks—"Mirabile Dictu"—would be pleased to receive recognition from his deaf-mute friends, but specially requests the omission of flowers. Prof. Sause will welcome all who are in search of entertainment on any evening but Sunday. The Union League and Adelphi Union members are down to give Mr. Whalen a warm reception during the present week. M. T.

TALKED WITH THE FIN- GERS.

The loss of one sense sharpens all the other senses.

So when a party of men and women who can't hear and can't talk go to a strawberry festival, they carry with them keen appetites, and the strawberries have to suffer.

Such was the case at the annual festival of the Gallaudet Society for Deaf-Mutes, held in the vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Cortes Street, last evening.

Rev. Phillips Brooks and William B. Frisbee sent letters of regret.

Helen Kellar and Edith Thomas, the famous blind deaf-mutes, were present, accompanied by their teacher. Around them flocked their more fortunate brothers and sisters who could see, and all conversed in the sign-language.

Mr. Frisbee, the President of the Society, delivered an address of welcome, but what he said is a mystery. Then came double speeches on the same platform, before the same audience, delivered at the same time, and neither speaker interfered with the other. Meanwhile the listeners talked among themselves across the vestry, but that did not interfere with the oratory in the least.

Rev. George S. Converse spoke, and was interpreted to the deaf by Rev. S. S. Searing. The flow of sign-language kept pace with the flow of audible words. Other speakers were Rev. W. D. Roberts and Rev. George J. Prescott.

Helen Kellar, blind, deaf and dumb, with a face angelic, her thick hair tied with a single ribbon of blue falling over her shoulders, arose and recited a description of Italy. Miss Sullivan, her teacher interpreted the signs. How the girl's fingers moved! The eye could scarcely follow them. The sentences flew from the hand so fast that even the deaf-mutes in the audience who are familiar with the sign-language could not read it. Then Miss Kellar "talked" a little slower, but her movements were then like flashes of lightning.

Bouquets were presented to the two young ladies. They could not see them, but as their hands ran over the pretty flowers and the fragrance was breathed in, they smiled and bowed. Edith Thomas placed her finger-tips on her bouquet and the signs she made spelled rose and pink, and rose and pink were the flowers which she could feel and the rest of the party could see.

Four young men, deaf-mutes, sang "Nearer, My God, to Thee." It was beautiful, although you could not hear a sound either of music or of the grand familiar words.

"Angels to beckon me." You could almost see the winged hosts in white as those hands rose upward in waves.

"Steps up to heaven." Up, up the golden way you seemed to be borne, and yet not a sound reached the ear.

Songs without words there are, but here was a song of power and beauty almost without words or music.

Gathered around the little tables, all present were served with delicious strawberries.

It was a gay and happy throng. They made motions at each other, and every motion of one produced an emotion in the other, as the face betrayed. Pretty girls held animated conversations with bright young men as pretty girls often will, and motherly women swapped recipes and gossip. Miss Kellar and Miss Thomas grasped friendly hands, and loving, happy words leaped from finger tip to finger tip.

And the strawberries suffered.—*Boston Globe.*

TORONTO NEWS.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Having scarcely seen any news from Toronto in the JOURNAL for two weeks, I will try and pen a few lines to your valuable paper. Many of the deaf-mutes are leaving for a summer vacation.

R. C. Slater and family intend to spend a couple of months at their summer residence in Clifford.

Mrs. A. W. Mason and children expect to leave, on the 9th inst., for a few weeks' visit to her mother.

A. W. Mason may leave for a two weeks' holiday to his friends in the country. He was at Grimsby Park last week, and came back, improved in health.

The deaf-mutes propose to hold their annual picnic at Oakville, on the 17th or 22d of this month.

Miss Cunningham, of Oakville, is visiting her friends in the city.

Mr. R. C. Slater is a splendid lecturer, and the deaf-mutes are always ready to welcome him at their meetings at the West End Y. M. C. A. But they are much disappointed that none of the teachers or officers call at their meetings, while they are in the city.

A mute artist here was painting a fine landscape, and left it, to go for a walk, a little urchin broke into his room and spoiled it.

A. W. Mason was called to sketch a photograph of a dead lady, being late in the afternoon, was unable to finish it. When he called next morning, the corpse had swollen to an enormous size with the appearance of a frog. He had to go away in disgust, but the portrait was quite good.

Charles Wilson is about to purchase a house.

John C. Valles works in Brooklyn, N. Y. He rides the street car, a distance of fourteen miles to his work.

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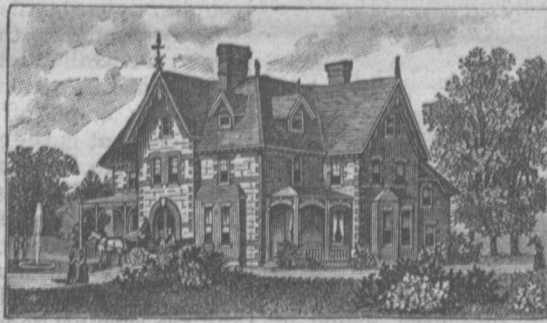
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